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Docket No. 50325-0801 PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Confirmation No.: 9443
Chris Riggins, et al.	:	Group Art Unit: 2181
Serial No.: 10/681,548	:	Examiner: Martinez, David E.
Filed: October 7, 2003	:	
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS PROVIDING ROLE-BASED CONFIGURATION OF A PORT OF A NETWORK ELEMENT	:	

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 13, 2006, the shortened statutory period for which runs until October 13, 2006. Please reconsider the present application in view of the amendment and remarks herein:

- **Listing of the Claims** begin at page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks** begin at page 10 of this paper.